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SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN UK MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
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REF: (A) KHARTOUM 587; (B) STATE 56972; (C) PARIS 3835
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1. MOST SEVERE RESTRICTION ON SUDANESE TRAINING IN
FRANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE LANGUAGE PROBLEM SINCE WE
ASSUME THAT SUDANESE MILITARY DO NOT HAVE MANY ELIGIBLE
OFFICERS WHO KNOW FRENCH WELL ENOUGH TO PROFIT FROM
COURSES IN FRENCH SCHOOLS WITHOUT TAKING INORDINATELY
LONG PRIOR FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING. WERE THIS PROBLEM
TO BE OVERCOME, WE THINK THAT THE GENERAL FRENCH DIS-
POSITION TO BE FORTHCOMING TO ARAB COUNTRIES, THE
FAVORABLE IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE LATEST HIGH-LEVEL
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FRANCO-SUDANESE CONTACTS (REF C) AND THE HOPE OF

EVENTUAL ARMS SALES MIGHT MAKE THE FRENCH AMENABLE TO
OFFERING MILITARY TRAINING AT SUDANESE (OR BRITISH)
REQUEST. FINANCING OF SUCH TRAINING BY SAUDI ARABIA,
KUWAIT, IRAN OR SOME OTHER SOURCE WOULD IMPROVE THE
PROSPECTS FOR FRENCH ACCEPTANCE.

2. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH FRENCH
OFFICIALS.
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